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May 29, 1992

Mr. Donald A. Ostler
Director, Division of Water Quality
State of Utah Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 144870
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4870

Dear Mr. Ostler:

SUBJECT: Docket No. GW92-02, Notice of Violation and Order

We have received at the Mercur Mine on May 21, 1992 your letter dated May 19, 1992 concerning the above referenced N.O.V. We share your desire to conduct a meeting to resolve any and all outstanding issues relating to this matter and will arrange for such a meeting with your staff in the immediate future.

Specifically in response to your letter dated May 19, 1992, we offer the following:

- Barrick routinely conducts pumping activities which are dependent upon inflow to the cell and catchment ponds.
- The installation of upgraded pumping systems was completed by April 1, 1992, and they are currently being utilized to achieve dewatering on an appropriate, routine basis. Additional modifications are being undertaken to ensure cold weather operational capability.
- The revisitation by Mercur personnel to observe the status of revegetation/erosion control work in Manning Canyon will continue on at least a monthly basis until we are satisfied that all measures undertaken are successfully established.
- The monitoring of groundwater monitoring wells 5 and 7 will continue on a quarterly basis through the remaining life of the Mercur operation. Results will be reported to the DWQ on a quarterly basis as resolved by our final agreement of this N.O.V.

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Barrick appreciates your continued cooperation and looks forward to a timely resolution of this matter.

Respectfully,



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